

4.1 Consider the following instruction:

Instruction: AND Rd, Rs, Rt

Interpretation: $\text{Reg}[\text{Rd}] = \text{Reg}[\text{Rs}] \text{ AND } \text{Reg}[\text{Rt}]$

4.1.1 [5] <§4.1> What are the values of control signals generated by the control in [Figure 4.2](#) for the above instruction?

4.1.2 [5] <§4.1> Which resources (blocks) perform a useful function for this instruction?

4.1.3 [10] <§4.1> Which resources (blocks) produce outputs, but their outputs are not used for this instruction? Which resources produce no outputs for this instruction?

4.2 The basic single-cycle MIPS implementation in [Figure 4.2](#) can only implement some instructions. New instructions can be added to an existing Instruction Set Architecture (ISA), but the decision whether or not to do that depends, among other things, on the cost and complexity the proposed addition introduces into the processor datapath and control. The first three problems in this exercise refer to the new instruction:

Instruction: LWI Rt, Rd(Rs)

Interpretation: $\text{Reg}[\text{Rt}] = \text{Mem}[\text{Reg}[\text{Rd}] + \text{Reg}[\text{Rs}]]$

4.2.1 [10] <§4.1> Which existing blocks (if any) can be used for this instruction?

4.2.2 [10] <§4.1> Which new functional blocks (if any) do we need for this instruction?

4.2.3 [10] <§4.1> What new signals do we need (if any) from the control unit to support this instruction?

4.4 Problems in this exercise assume that logic blocks needed to implement a processor's datapath have the following latencies:

I-Mem	Add	Mux	ALU	Regs	D-Mem	Sign-Extend	Shift-Left-2
200ps	70ps	20ps	90ps	90ps	250ps	15ps	10ps

4.4.1 [10] <§4.3> If the only thing we need to do in a processor is fetch consecutive instructions (Figure 4.6), what would the cycle time be?

4.4.2 [10] <§4.3> Consider a datapath similar to the one in Figure 4.11, but for a processor that only has one type of instruction: unconditional PC-relative branch. What would the cycle time be for this datapath?

4.4.3 [10] <§4.3> Repeat 4.4.2, but this time we need to support only conditional PC-relative branches.

The remaining three problems in this exercise refer to the datapath element Shift-left-2:

4.4.4 [10] <§4.3> Which kinds of instructions require this resource?

4.4.5 [20] <§4.3> For which kinds of instructions (if any) is this resource on the critical path?

4.4.6 [10] <§4.3> Assuming that we only support beq and add instructions, discuss how changes in the given latency of this resource affect the cycle time of the processor. Assume that the latencies of other resources do not change.

4.5 For the problems in this exercise, assume that there are no pipeline stalls and that the breakdown of executed instructions is as follows:

add	addi	not	beq	lw	sw
20%	20%	0%	25%	25%	10%

4.5.1 [10] <§4.3> In what fraction of all cycles is the data memory used?

4.5.2 [10] <§4.3> In what fraction of all cycles is the input of the sign-extend circuit needed? What is this circuit doing in cycles in which its input is not needed?

4.6 When silicon chips are fabricated, defects in materials (e.g., silicon) and manufacturing errors can result in defective circuits. A very common defect is for one wire to affect the signal in another. This is called a cross-talk fault. A special class of cross-talk faults is when a signal is connected to a wire that has a constant logical value (e.g., a power supply wire). In this case we have a stuck-at-0 or a stuck-at-1 fault, and the affected signal always has a logical value of 0 or 1, respectively. The following problems refer to bit 0 of the Write Register input on the register file in [Figure 4.24](#).

4.6.1 [10] <§§4.3, 4.4> Let us assume that processor testing is done by filling the PC, registers, and data and instruction memories with some values (you can choose which values), letting a single instruction execute, then reading the PC, memories, and registers. These values are then examined to determine if a particular fault is present. Can you design a test (values for PC, memories, and registers) that would determine if there is a stuck-at-0 fault on this signal?

4.6.2 [10] <§§4.3, 4.4> Repeat 4.6.1 for a stuck-at-1 fault. Can you use a single test for both stuck-at-0 and stuck-at-1? If yes, explain how; if no, explain why not.

4.6.3 [60] <§§4.3, 4.4> If we know that the processor has a stuck-at-1 fault on this signal, is the processor still usable? To be usable, we must be able to convert any program that executes on a normal MIPS processor into a program that works on this processor. You can assume that there is enough free instruction memory and data memory to let you make the program longer and store additional data. Hint: the processor is usable if every instruction “broken” by this fault can be replaced with a sequence of “working” instructions that achieve the same effect.

4.6.4 [10] <§§4.3, 4.4> Repeat 4.6.1, but now the fault to test for is whether the “MemRead” control signal becomes 0 if RegDst control signal is 0, no fault otherwise.

4.6.5 [10] <§§4.3, 4.4> Repeat 4.6.4, but now the fault to test for is whether the “Jump” control signal becomes 0 if RegDst control signal is 0, no fault otherwise.

4.7 In this exercise we examine in detail how an instruction is executed in a single-cycle datapath. Problems in this exercise refer to a clock cycle in which the processor fetches the following instruction word:

10101100011000100000000000010100.

Assume that data memory is all zeros and that the processor's registers have the following values at the beginning of the cycle in which the above instruction word is fetched:

r0	r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	r6	r8	r12	r31
0	-1	2	-3	-4	10	6	8	2	-16

4.7.1 [5] <§4.4> What are the outputs of the sign-extend and the jump “Shift left 2” unit (near the top of [Figure 4.24](#)) for this instruction word?

4.7.2 [10] <§4.4> What are the values of the ALU control unit's inputs for this instruction?

4.7.3 [10] <§4.4> What is the new PC address after this instruction is executed? Highlight the path through which this value is determined.

4.7.4 [10] <§4.4> For each Mux, show the values of its data output during the execution of this instruction and these register values.

4.7.5 [10] <§4.4> For the ALU and the two add units, what are their data input values?

4.7.6 [10] <§4.4> What are the values of all inputs for the “Registers” unit?